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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to polymer particles shaped as platelets and to a process of manufacturing such particles. The particles according to the invention exhibit a faster rate of dissolution in aqueous media than art-known particles.